WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

C.B.I. investigation into Madras Bank fraud cases

*186. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of investigation by the C.B.I. of the bank fraud cases in Madras involving Shri Robin Mayne and others;

(b) what are the details of charges against the accused;

(c) what are the reasons for the protracted investigation; and

(d) by when the investigation is likely to be completed for final prosecution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have reported that held investigations in 10 cases against Shri Robin Mayne and others have been completed and Investigation Reports are under certain examination by the CBI: The CBI have further reported that they are making efforts to finalise their reports early;

(b) The CBI have reported that the accused had allegedly availed of loans from several banks at Madras by impersonating in different names and by showing for inspection the same two or three second-hand trucks owned by them to different banks where they availed of loans by changing the number plates, engine numbers and chassis numbers to suit the Registration Certificate Books obtained by them from the transport authorities for non-existing lorries. Thus the vehicles were never purchased from the loans released by the banks and in this manner different banks were defrauded for different amounts.

(c) The CBI have reported that they had to collect the records from various banks & this took time. The accused also took the matter to the High Court of Madras challenging the investigations by the CBI and levelling allegations against the Investigation Officer. This petition of the accused was dismissed by the Madras High Court.

Foreign Exchange earned by the Tourism Industry during the year 1985-86

*187. SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of foreign exchange earned by the tourism industry during the year 1985-86; and

(b) what is the quantum of foreign exchange utilised during the above period by the approved sectors of tourism industry both in the public and private sectors?

THE MINITSER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The figures of foreign exchange earnings are complied by the Reserve Bank of India. The latest provisional estimate of a earnings from tourism is available for the year 1984-85 and is Rs. 1300 crores.

(b) According to tentative reckonings, the amount of foreign exchange utilised by the approved sectors of tourism industry out of their incentive quota during the year 1984-85 was Rs. 10.07 crores excluding the utilisation of general quota by ahe private sector.

लक्ष्मी रतन कपड़ा मिल, कानपुर में कुप्रबन्ध और भ्रष्टाचार

*189. श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल: क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को जनवरी, 1986 में एन0 टी0 सी0 मिल्स स्टाफ यूनियन, कानपुर (उत्तर प्रदेश) से लक्ष्मी रतन कपडा मिल, कानपुर में कुप्रबन्ध, भ्रष्टाचार और घाटे के संबंध में कोई शिकायत पत्र प्राप्त हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त पत्र में अंतर्विष्ट मुख्य शिकायतें क्या-क्या हैं और क्या सरकार ने मामले की जांच कराने हेतु कोई कार्यवाही की है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो क्या सरकार उक्त मिल के अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध लगाए गये आरोपों की विस्तृत जांच कराने का विचार रखती है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री खुर्शीद आलम खान) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) पत्र में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ 1984 में लक्ष्मी रतन काटन मिल्स के वाले ग्रे कन्वस 18 औंस की कम कीमत पर बिक्री के मुख्य मसले के संबंध में शिकायतों की गई है । एन टी सी (नियंत्रक कं0) से 1984 में ही इस मामले की जांच करने के लिए कहा गया था ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Renovation of Ajanta and Ellora caves

*191. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
DR. (SHRIMATI NAJMA HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of tourists who visit Ajanta and Ellora caves at Aurangabad annually;

(b) what steps are being taken to renovate the paintings in the caves which are fading away; and

(c) what are the facilities at present made available to the domestic and foreign tourists at Aurangabad?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISH (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Reliable statistics of the number of tourists visting specific places in the country are not available

(b) The paintings in the caves are protected from fading away through the use of chemical preservation techniques.

(c) Both star category and budget type accommodations are available at Aurangabad. There is daily air service connecting are also bus services from Bombay to Aurangabad. Buses and taxis are available at Aurangabad for sight-seeing and for visiting Ajanta and Ellora caves. Guide services and information facilities are also available at Aurangabad.

Export of non basmati rice

*192. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 200 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th February, 1986 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for allowing the export of non-basmati rice;

(b) whether this decision is likely to create shortage of availability of non-basmati rice for the rural population; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Export of non-basmati rice of superior varieties, within a limited quantity, has been permitted in view of the comfortable stock position with public agencies, to earn foreign exchange to facilitate imports of essential consumption goods.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Circulation of an European Financial Magazine containing wrong map of India

*193. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Library of the Finance Ministry distributed copies of a leading European financial magazine, December, 1985 issue of "Euromoney" which carries a highly truncated map of India: and

(b) if so, what action has since been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Euromoney Publications Limited, London have alongwith their December, 1985 Issue, published a special supplement on India. A few copies of